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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this in response to an article that was written in the Independent Truckers and Drivers Association's newsletter. I was very concerned when I read that FHWA may revise the english language requirement. As the regulation reads now it is at best minimum. It requires a driver to be able to sufficiently converse with a commercial vehicle inspector, understand traffic signs and signals, respond to official inquiries, and make entries on reports and records such as log books. It should be the responsibility of the driver and motor carrier to be able to communicate in the country in which they are operating so that safety is not compromised. If you can, put yourself in an inspectors shoes when they are crawling underneath of a tractor trailer performing a safety inspection which is dangerous to begin with but then add the factor that the driver behind the wheel cannot understand basic instructions to complete the inspection. I don't think that it is unreasonable to require basic understanding. Also a large part of a safety inspection is examining the driver's log book. This is done for many reasons, one example is to see how many hours of driving and non-driving time was done which could indicate if the driver is fatigued.

**I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO CONTINUE WITH THE PRESENT
REGULATION FOR SAFETY'S SAKE!!!**